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COMBINED MACHINES. With nearly the whole power of the opal machine, including State Secretary Rogers and Mayor Lee, and with probably the State machine also, operating in their greatest possible strength and vigor against them, it is not strange that the "Youngs" were defeated in the City Court contest in the genate. The wonder is that, against ch "a panoply of power," they suceded in securing 11 of the 31 votes. It is something nusual and almost unented when a report from the Judiciary committee is overturned, as urred in this matter, but something had to give way before the combined ult of both State and local ma-Indeed, there is a suspicion that the Federal machine gave its aid at the instance of Senator Bran-One can but wonder at the hostility

of the "Olds" towards the "Youngs" It comes to the front on every possible on. Labor never devised a more comprehensive boycott than marks the attitude of the "Olds" toward the 'Youngs." Yet both elements belong to the same party, and neither can win at the polls without the other's aid. The "Olds" owe their past successes to the party loyalty of the "Youngs"that is, they could not have won without the aid of the "Youngs". We doubt very much if, in the event of the "Youngs" capturing a Mayorial nomtantion, the "Olds" would prove equally loyal. A test would have occur-red at the last city election had not the leader of the "Youngs" perpetrated a self-sacrifice which is now called treachery or cowardice by Senator Manwaring.

There isn't much doubt that, when the City Court contest reaches the House next week, the same powers which operated effectively in the Sen-

Not until the "Youngs" prove at an ion that they hold a balance of power between the two great parties, will they receive other than contemptuous consideration from the "Olds."

WILL BENEFIT THE BIG TRUSTS. Senator Aldrich, chairman of the nate Finance committee which will have charge of the tariff bill when it mes from the House is endeavoring to so rearrange the duties as to secure sufficient revenue without recourse to any of the proposed new taxes. He holds that the customs duties can be made to supply enough funds to meet the Government's needs. There are two methods by which the customs duties can be made to furnish a suffi-

One is to so lower the duties on goods which are produced in this county as to invite foreign competition-that is. to reduce duties which are now prohibitory of importations, to figures which will assure the entry of foreignmade goods and thus provide revenue. This would benefit the whole people by reducing the cost of living, but it is contrary to the Republican policy and we doubt very much whether Senton Adrich would proceed to his bank in Bridgeport last Friday many will sell stocks because of this result of the state of the stat

ator Aldrich would resort to it.

The second method is to increase the duties or to impose new duties on articles which are not produced in this country but which are in use here and some of which have come to be classed as necessities. Among them are teal as necessities. Among them are tea and coffee. It is not probable that their use would be diminished by increased or new burdens upon them. and it is therefore certain that an augmented revenue can be thus secured. Possibly, Senator Aldrich has this plan in mind, but such duties have always been classed as in the interest of free trade, for the reason that their imposition would lessen the need of protective duties on home produced goods.

It may be that Senator Aldrich has in mind an increase of the duties upon articles produced in this country but not in sucient supply to meet the demand. For instance, sugar, hides, etc. This plan would increase the government's revenue, but at the price of an eased cost of living to the people. It would, however, benefit the big trusts and would, therefore, be in line with Republican policy, though not in nance with the party's platform declarations. If we mistake not the signs, this is the plan which will be favored by Senator Aldrich.

THAT MALODOROUS

"LITTLE JOKER." e railroad made a tactical blunder The railroad made a transfer when it appeared, by counsel, before the committee on Cities and Boroughs so hard in favor of that malodorous "little joker" amendment to the city charter. which is designed to enable the railroad to collect damages from the city for certain harbor area, about 11 acres ich the road claims by virtue of a harbor line established by the gov-

ernment at the road's instance. The "little joker" was so loud-smelling that when it appeared in the charter amendments prepared for submis-sion to the board of Aldermen by Mayor Lee, it was incontinently dropped, with the explanation that its inclusion was "a clerical error." Its author has never admitted his identity, but it was clear that some one had discovered the fatally weak point in the road's claim for damages and sought to remedy it by the cleverly disguised amendment which has since come to be known as the "little joker." As stated, it disappeared here but reappeared at Hartford, being introduced there, "by request," by Representative Clark who wisely took occasion on Thursday to disown the malodorous bantling but did not reveal the identity of the person who requested its introduction, Perhaps the information was not need-

As the railroad appeared by counsel One Year in Advance.....\$1.00 in its support, it is a reasonable inference that the reqest came to Mr. Clark from the road or some one of its representatives. Quite as probably, the appearance of the "little joker" in the original draft of Mayor Lee's amendments was also inspired by the

The appearance of the Mayor at Hartford, with what is described as virtually an argument in favor of the passage of the "little joker," renews the suspicion that he knew of its incorporation in the original draft of charter amendments and that it was indeed "a clerical error" which left it in the draft instead of being reserved for unheralded introduction at Hartford.

The road made a tactical binder in showing its hand, and Mayor Lee blundered also in favoring publicly at Hartford an amendment which "stank so loudly" that he didn't dare to place it before the Bridgeport lAdermen.

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STRATFORD

The flodocks and the Greaths-A New Piano-Mr. Blakeman Home-New Bonnets—Church Services—The Passion Play-Personal Items.

There was a large crowd of inter-

of the cantata is "Fenitence, Pardon and Peace."

Rev. Charles F. Macfarland, Ph. D., who is to give a Lenten lecture at the Congregational church on "The Passion Play", as an appropriate observance of Holy Week, is the author of several Theological works including "Infirite Affection", "Jesus and the Prophet", "The Puritan and the Modern Age". Mr. Macfarland recently gave a course of lectures in the Yale Divinity School on the "Minister and Civic Life." ested people in the local court room yesterday morning when the case of Peter Greath vs. Joseph Hodock, all of Hollister Heights was called. This was a continuance from Monday and Atorney Hull of Bridgeport appeared for the defense. There was consider-Atorney Hull of Bridgeport appeared for the defense. There was considerable difficulty in getting the story from the parties owing to the poor English which they spoke. As Mr. Greath said: "I can't some English speak not everything." Hodock was charged with assaulting Mr. Greath He was at work on his "farm" trying to move a big stone, in the endeavor to make a fence on the line between his "farm" and Hodocks. He stepped over the line, when Hodock came after him with a big cedar stick, which was in the court room and resembled the presidential stick as pictured by the cartoonists. Mr. Greath asserted that Hodock struck him and then the two clenched and grabbed each other by the throat. Sundry scars and swellings and holes on the head, face and neck were exhibited to the court by both parties. Mr. Greath said, "I no ready to get fighted." He is reputed Services at Christ church tomorrow as follows: Morning prayer at 10:30; evening prayer at 7:30; Sunday school at 12. At the morning service Rev. Samuel R. Colladay of Berkeley Diwhich operated effectively in the Senate, will secure the defeat of Hull and Gould. A combination of Federal, State and local machines is practically irresistible.

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A combination of Federal, be a harmless man and as the judge remarked from the bench, he hasn't enough fight in him. There was some conflict in the evidence as be by Rev. Ellis B. De Christ church, Westport. who struck first, but after hearing all the testimony Grand Juror Rhoades recomemnded that the man Hodock be found guilty, and Mr. Hull made his address to the judge in favor of Hodock. The result of the whole matter was that the judge found Hodock guilty and fined him \$5 and costs, said has surprised many who take but a amount to some \$50. Hodock took an appeal. ment of receivers for two steel com-panies, the order for foreclosure pro-ceedings in the case of the Third Av-

It is said in town that the measles are becoming epidemic, and that one of the victims is Miss Lettle Bennett, the principal of the center school.

It is surmised that a well known lady is about to study music, as Otis Curtis had a piano moved into his house a few days ago. Elliott W. Peck is having his resi-

dence overhauled, and hard wood the least puzzled. The steel market floors are being laid, bay windows in- is discounting business improvement as it always does. Business during the week has been poor and there have been many complaints. The tariff agitroduced into the building, and other

improvements being made.

Mrs. George W. Fairchild arrived in town yesterday after some months of tation, fear of a coal strike and lack absence in the South.

A teephone message has been re-ceived from J. Henry Blakeman ancaused a pessimistic feeling that is not warranted. There has been a thorogh cleaning up in the last two years, and all bad spots have been nouncing his arrival home. For a while it was thought he had become lost in Washington or Baltimore. David L. Rhoades was not one of the clamming party which got stuck on the way because the gasoline in the

not. The Schneider family is now domi-

ciled in one of the new Gunther cotages.
Notwithstanding Mr. Lines has had the gypsles out, it is stated that a band of them is camping there as usual.

Induce a fortune, but as usual the public was buying at 55 and selling at 10.

The stock market discounts the future.

The sign of an improvement in the sign of an impr

Mrs. Margaret DeLacour is again able to be out after a severe illness.

George W. Fairchild has had electric lights put into his house. Stratford members of the Art League of Bridgeport, intend to take part in the exhibition.

The Sniffin brothers are having two greenhouses built.

The form where the late Mr. Booth and so the across man after man who smiling announces, "Well I have got a job at last." This is as much a harbinger of good times as the crocus greenhouses built.

reenhouses built.

The farm where the late Mr. Booth Spring. died has been in the family since

Miss Mary McCaul, a teacher at the in April. There will Miss Mary McCaul, a teacher at the Center school, is on the sick list.

William Stagg is to build the new concrete block hose house next to the town house, so we hear.

Flocks of local ladies are rushing over to town to look at the new peach basket Easter bonnets. She who wears basket Easter bonnets. She who wears in this delightfully sensible village.

one in this delightfully sensible village will be very courageous. And now it is said that William Peck, r., has the measles. Mrs. Robert Seymour has been visit-

ing Miss Beers.

It is again announced that the Camera Club will make another exhibit. Rev. C. S. Hearn of Cold Spring, N. Y., has been visiting Rev. C. S. Bul-

It is thought that not even several from this town attended the reception at the Seaside Club the day it rained Teddy, the sweetest and handsomest dog in town, has lost his appetite. There are those who miss him about

the center of the town.

There is a report that a gentleman of this town has invented 650 therfunds with a view to improving exmomastoldes. They will be put on boats which run on the Great Lakes. Crocuses have begun to appear. Our

In the Superb Comedy and Startling Telling H

sheriff says he wishes he could get hold of some of them. He would put them with the night hawks.

A Lenten cantata will be rendered at the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The name of the cantata is "Fenitence, Pardon and Besses."

Civic Life."
At the Congregational church tomor-

row the pastor, Revs E. N. Packard, D. D., will preach at 10:30. Subject, "Assets and Liabilities of a Christian

vinity School, will speak on "The Four-fold Gospel." In the evening Rev. F. H. Miller of St. John's church,

Bridgeport, will preach.

At the Friday evening service at Christ church at 7:45, the sermon will

WALL STREET REVIEW.

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New York, March 27.-Stocks have

superficial view of the market. The

many instances made advances

which puzzles only those who read the

tape. Those who study conditions and

who see beyond the tape are not in

eliminated, money is cheap, the crop

outlook is good, and now we are in

position for another wave of better

feeling and increased business which

if he had bought steel the day the

off in the number of those who have

been seeking employment. This has been noticed everywhere and while one hears of a lack of business one at the

Those who own stocks and bonds will not have anything to complain of in April. There will be disbursed

more to the increase in bonds out-

Railroad gross earnings for the sec-

ond week in March show an increase of

9.3 per cent. over the corresponding muonth of 9108. This is a good sign

and shows that there has been an im

provement in business despite the gen-

eral pessimistic tak that comes from

market that has been noticed during the past few days has so far not re-

cent. There is undoubtedly a more hopeful feeling along the banks, which are disposed to conserve their loanable

Who is who in Bridgeport?

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standing.

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